

Dear Energy and Technology Committee member,

I am writing to encourage your support for the bill currently before your committee, HB 5412, "An Act Concerning Shared Clean Energy Facilities." The majority of Connecticut homeowners cannot access affordable clean energy because they may not have a suitable site for renewable energy on their own property. This act will enable all energy customers to participate in shared clean energy facilities and receive credit on their utility bill for their portion of the clean energy produced.

Passage of the act will benefit renters, condo-owners, and homeowners with tree-shaded or otherwise unsuitable homes and enable them to directly benefit from the state's clean energy programs to which they contribute. It also benefits everyone in the state by reducing the need to run expensive and polluting power plants at peak times when solar works the best.

Even though I'm not a resident of CT, we do have a number of very successful community solar projects here in Vermont, and they are multiplying to meet the needs of folks who do not have a good solar site, or are in a rental situation, or do not have land on which to build a system. Hopefully you will give serious consideration to expanding this successful program into Connecticut which will highly benefit the residents providing them with efficient renewable electricity and enhance the state's energy security.

Thank you.

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